

granting liberty, —all these slowly bore their fruits in after years, and their effects are not even yet exhausted. The right of a sovereign to hold his lauds was now, by the public law of Europe, to be decided by his strength. The rights of the people were treated as not existing. Truly, as our most gifted poetess has sung —

"The Kings crept out—the peoples sat
at home, And finding the long
inveterate peace (A pall embroidered
with worn images Of rights divine) too
scant to cover doom Such as they
suffered, cursed the corn that grew
Kaukly to bitter bread, on Waterloo."